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AFTER SIX MONTHS.

Strike of Telephone Operators at Des Moines Has Been Settled.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 17.—A special to the Tribune from Des Moines, Iowa, says: "The strike of the telephone operators at Des Moines, which has been in progress about six months, was settled last night by representatives of the company and of the Trades and Labor Assembly. The telephone girls are to be paid 15 per cent. in excess of the scale, and all of the girls who struck are to be taken back to work. The company further agrees not to in any way discriminate against the strikers. The injunction suit to restrain the representatives of union labor from boycotting the company is to be dismissed."

WITHOUT TRIAL.

Two Men Executed at Port au Prince—Several Persons Injured in Riots.

(Associated Press.)
Port au Prince, Haiti, Dec. 17.—Order has been re-established here. During the fighting yesterday a number of persons were wounded, including two Haitians, who were seriously injured. Two men accused of committing crimes were executed during the day without trial. The United States legation is protected by troops.

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JAPANESE CREW.

Sailors Will Not Be Allowed to Transfer From the Arab to Dollar.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Collector of the port Stratton has stated that under instructions received from Commissioner of Immigration Sargent, he will refuse to permit the transfer of the Japanese crew, now on board the steamer Arab, to the Danish steamer Dollar, formerly the transport Egbert. Mr. Stratton will also deny all applications for such transfer, including that expected soon from China to form the crew of the new steamer Siberia. It will be a precedent, and all the parties interested have been notified of the position the collector has taken.

TURKISH SHIP AGROUND.

(Associated Press.)
Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—The German turkish ship Whitefish is ashore near Kover. The German warships Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse and Prinz Heinrich have gone to her assistance.

THE JAPANESE CANNOT VOTE

Privy Council Uphold Appeal of Province in Famous Tomy Homma Case—History of the Now Celebrated Action.

Japanese, whether naturalized or not, cannot exercise the franchise in this province.

Such is the decision of the highest court in the realm, the Privy Council, which has handed down a ruling that the appeal of this province in the famous Tomy Homma case, which has been a cause celebre in the history of British Columbia for the last two years, is allowed.

The announcement, which was received to-day by Charles Wilson, of Vancouver, who represented the province in the argument on the original action, sets at rest once and for all the knotty problem of whether or not the province can pass legislation specifically excluding these people from the right to vote. It settles finally the danger to which the province would have been exposed had the decision been of a contrary character, and relieves it of the peril which would have been entailed by the presence on the voters' lists of a constantly increasing number of Mongolians who, without sympathy with the genius of British government, would constitute a constant source of corruption in politics, and open fresh avenues of abuse in the legislation of the country.

The appeal was argued before the judicial committee of the Privy Council late in June or early in July, the province being fortunate in their counsel, Christopher Robinson, K. C., of Toronto, one of the cleverest jurists of the whole Dominion.

It will be remembered that when the House rose late in June, the attorney-general posted off hurriedly to London, on the plea of assisting Mr. Robinson in the case, but did not arrive in time to be of any assistance, the whole matter having been argued before his arrival. Hon. Mr. Eberts found some compensation for the disappointment, this occasioned him by remaining for the coronation festivities.

The principle underlying the whole case was the right of naturalized Japanese to be registered as voters.

The action arose in this way. Tomy Homma, a naturalized Jap, applied to the collector of voters for the electoral district of Vancouver city to have his name entered on the register of voters. The collector refused to make the entry as he considered he was prohibited from doing so by section 8 of the Provincial Elections Act or Franchise Act, which is as follows:

"No Chinaman, Japanese or Indian shall have his name placed on the register of voters for any electoral district or be entitled to vote at any election. Any collector of votes who shall insert the name of any Chinaman, Japanese or Indian in any such register shall, upon summary conviction thereof, before any justice of the peace, be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$50."

According to section 3 R. S. B. C., 1907, chapter 67: "The expression

'Japanese' is to mean any native of the Japanese Empire or its dependencies not born of British parents and . . . include any person of the Japanese race, naturalized or not."

Tomy Homma appealed to the County court with the result that the late Chief Justice McCall, who heard the appeal, ordered his name to be placed on the register on the ground that the above enactment in so far as it purported to affect naturalized Japanese was ultra vires of the provincial legislature.

This decision raised a storm throughout the province, and the collector appealed the case to the Full court of British Columbia.

The latter court upheld the decision of the late Chief Justice, and a great deal of interest was awakened by the decisions handed down as well as by the facts brought out in argument. It was held on the one hand that the provincial act was in conflict with the Dominion Naturalization Act, which provides:

"An alien to whom a certificate of naturalization is granted shall within Canada be entitled to all political and other rights, powers and privileges, and be subject to all obligations to which a natural born British subject is entitled or subject within Canada."

It was held on the other hand on behalf of the province, that the case was intra vires by virtue of sub-section 1 of section 92, which places the amendment of the constitution, save as to the office of the Lieutenant-Governor, under the exclusive control of the local legislature, and that the matter of naturalization and aliens was in this case merely incidental to the franchise.

As Judge Walkem pointed out in giving his ruling on the case, and as was frequently mentioned in discussions on the matter in the House, the right to the franchise is not really an inherent right even to natural born British subjects, and thus there was really no conflict with the Naturalization Act, as quoted. It was pointed out that the franchise is withheld from certain people in Canada, and that there are numerous limitations in conferring it.

Nevertheless the court held that they were bound to disallow the appeal as the judicial committee of the Privy Council had held that "the legislature of the Dominion is invested with exclusive authority in all matters which directly concern the rights, privileges and disabilities of alien residents of Canada, whether naturalized or not."

The above decision by the Full court was given at Vancouver on the 9th of March, 1901, and on the 21st of the same month the Deputy Attorney-General, H. A. McLean, asked leave to take an appeal to the Privy Council. The application was opposed, but allowed by the court, security being given for five hundred pounds.

The subsequent history of the case appertains to the hearing before the Privy Council as stated above.

ATTACKED BY INDIANS.

Two White Men Reported Killed and a Trader Robbed on the Upper Valley.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 17.—It now turns out that the Mounted Police department received a telegram on December 15th from Assistant Commissioner Wood stating that Salmon River Indians at Tantaloo, about two weeks previous, stated that 200 Indians on the upper Pelly robbed a trader and killed two white men. Selkirk Indians from the McMillan district report that they knew nothing of it.

Mr. McConnell, of the geological survey, who recently returned from McMillan, named Smith that there was a trader named Smith who keeps a trading post near the mouth of the river where it empties into the Pelly. Smith did a considerable business with Indians. It is feared that he may have been the victim, and the police are enquiring into the matter, but as it is distant 160 miles from Selkirk this will take some time.

ASKED TO PAY.

The United States Minister Has Presented a Bill to Congress.

(Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—It is announced in a special dispatch from Seoul that the United States minister to Korea has demanded the payment of \$1,500,000, due to the builders of the electric railroad.

DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE.

Town Reported to Have Been Wiped Out—Survivors Threatened With Starvation.

(Associated Press.)
Askaniya, Russian Turkistan, Dec. 17.—The town of Andjan, with a population of about 30,000, Ferghana government, was totally destroyed by an earthquake to-day. The number of fatalities is not yet ascertained. The population is threatened with starvation. Shocks were felt in new Marghiana, and surrounding villages, and a railway at Andjan was destroyed for a considerable distance. Food and clothing is being sent to Andjan.

LILLOOET HATCHERY.

Officials of Fisheries Department Claim Local Government Is Exceeding Its Jurisdiction.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 17.—There is some likelihood of a clash between the government of British Columbia and the Dominion government over the action of the local government in building a hatchery at Lillooet. Officials of the fisheries department say that the province is going beyond its jurisdiction in this matter, and as such Hon. R. Prefontaine returns here, the matter will be taken up with British Columbia.

B. H. Small has been appointed sub-collector of customs at Cranbrook, vice McDermott, resigned.
John H. Ker has been appointed acting chief clerk in the long room of the customs house at Vancouver.

PLAGUE AT HONOLULU.

Food Shipped From Japan and China Via San Francisco Responsible For Several Deaths.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 17.—Advices just received from Honolulu show that investigation proves that foodstuffs shipped to Honolulu from Japan and China, via San Francisco, are responsible for the cases of plague recently appearing there, says a special to the Chronicle from San Francisco.

A number of Japanese on nearby plantations were taken with the plague and died in a hospital at Honolulu. An examination of their effects was made, but no trace of the germ was discovered until thorough tests were made of the Japanese food found in the houses. These foods under the microscope showed a trace of the plague germs, and further examinations made of Oriental stuffs showed that the diagnosis was correct. It was learned also that the foodstuffs had been imported at San Francisco and reshipped to Honolulu.

BALFOUR GOES STRAIGHT TO POINT

**A STATE OF WAR
ACTUALLY EXISTS**

Intimation of Blockade of Venezuelan Ports Will Be Given Shortly to Powers.

(Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 17.—In the course of a long statement in the House of Commons to-day Premier Balfour said there was no such thing as a "peaceful blockade," a state of war actually existed with Venezuela, and an intimation of the blockade would be shortly given to the powers.

Mr. Balfour added that the blockade will be carried out with as little inconvenience to neutrals as possible. Nothing definite had occurred with reference to arbitration proposals.

The Premier also said the operations were reluctantly undertaken not to recover debt, but after a long and patient delay, to recover compensation for assaults on British subjects and the seizure of British vessels. He believed the Germans also had claims besides the financial ones.

Mr. Healy, Irish Nationalist, asked if the United States assented to a blockade which would exclude United States vessels.

The Premier replied: "Neutrals are not consulted when you are in a state of war with a third party."

"Is war declared?" asked Mr. Healy. The Premier replied: "Does the honorable member suppose that without a state of war you can take vessels and have a blockade?"

Replying to questions, Mr. Balfour said he had nothing to add regarding arbitration beyond what was contained in his previous statement on the subject. Papers were being prepared, and would be presented to the House as soon as possible. He assumed they would include the communications which had passed on the subject of the blockade between the United States and Great Britain.

Mr. Balfour's statement was made in reply to the desire of the Liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, for information on the Venezuela situation.

After reiterating Lord Lansdowne's brief statement in the House of Lords yesterday the Premier continued: "The blockade will be carried out by Great Britain and Germany along different portions of the coast, and although the two fleets will have the same objects they will not act as one. We never had any intention of landing troops in Venezuela for occupying territory, even temporarily. We do not think it desirable on either military or other grounds, all the conditions governing such a blockade have been carefully considered, and will be published in due time for the information of neutrals."

"The government are most anxious that these operations, the necessity for which we deeply regret, should be as little inconvenient to neutrals as they can be made. No difference will be made between the vessels of the various neutral powers. I think it is quite likely that the United States will think that there cannot be such a thing as a peaceful blockade, and I personally, take the same view. Evidently a blockade involves a state of war."

Mr. Balfour concluded his statement by saying he could make no announcement as to whether the offer of arbitration from Venezuela will be accepted by Great Britain.

Explanation Wanted.

New York, Dec. 17.—Secretary Hay has called to Ambassador Tower, at Berlin, says the World's correspondent at Washington, to ask the German government to explain this country exactly what is meant by a "peaceful blockade." Although it has not yet been put into public expression, the United States government contends that there is no such thing as a "peaceful blockade." If a state of war does not exist the Washington government will

content, at the proper time, that United States ships must be allowed to pass. The test will come when the Red D. line steamer Caracas arrives at La Guayra, probably next Saturday. If that ship goes through, as it is expected it will, other ships from other nations will also demand to go through, and the "peaceful blockade" will become a farce. If Germany insists on its right to blockade peacefully and refuses to let American ships through, then Admiral Dewey's fleet will be sent to Venezuela to convey the American ships through the German and English lines.

Admiral Dewey has been told to keep his fleet together. The reason the United States government makes this demand on Germany is because it has in writing, in black and white, the full statement of Germany's intentions in Venezuela. It has no such statement from England. The diplomats of that country were shrewd enough to make only a verbal statement of intent.

The administration is waiting Germany's answer with some anxiety. The situation is now more critical than it has been since the trouble began.

Will Not Occupy Territory.
Berlin, Dec. 17.—The foreign office here denies explicitly that the German squadron in Venezuelan waters has orders to seize Margarita Island, and that no occupation of the territory of Venezuela will occur.

The officials allege that a systematic effort is apparently being made to represent Germany as the propelling power in the Venezuelan affair, and as being responsible for all the harsh measures. For instance, they say the bombardment of the forts at Porto Cabello is ascribed to German initiative, whereas the foreign office officials say, without reservation, that the bombardment was at the British commander's suggestion, the British being a British ship. The German commander participated in the firing as a loyal ally.

The German government is not insisting on more severe measures than the original plan contemplated, and regards the sinking of the "two dispatches," wholly unworthy, as an "insignificant incident."

Germany and Great Britain are still considering President Castro's arbitration proposition, but the deliberations have not yet reached a stage where the results can be published.

Feeling Against Allies.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 17.—The Costa Rican government will not discuss the Venezuelan situation, but the ministers favor President Castro's attitude. Public feeling here is bitter against the British and German action. The United States is much criticized and the Monroe doctrine is ridiculed. Finally, President Castro is looked upon as setting a good example to Spanish America.

The Revolution.

New York, Dec. 17.—Senor Rojas, agent in this country of the Venezuelan revolutionists, according to the Herald's report of Port of Spain correspondent, denied that they have joined Castro.

On the contrary, according to reports received, the government troops under General Valentin have been twice defeated by the revolutionists, first at La Guayra and later at Elchico, where they were completely routed and fled in disorder. Moreover, it is reported from Alta Gracia that General Boland, at the head of 6,000 revolutionists, is marching on Caracas with the object of capturing the city and overthrowing Castro. The rebels in Trinidad believe that if Boland's movement proves successful he will elect a new president, who will treat with England and Germany, and thus quickly end the difficulty.

PROBABLY LOST.

Barge Parted From Tow During Gale on Lake Ontario—Steamer Ashore.

(Associated Press.)
Watertown, N. Y., Dec. 17.—A special to the Standard from Cape Vincent says: The barge Isaac Stevenson, of Ogdensburg, broke from her tow in the terrific gale on Lake Ontario, 10 miles from Cape Vincent, and it is feared that she has gone to the bottom with her crew of six men.

Steamer Ashore.

Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Capt. Kiah, of the steamer Avon, reports that the steamer John E. Hall, which has been missing since Saturday, is ashore on the Ducks Island, 30 miles out. The Avon was towing the coal laden barge Stevenson, bound for Ogdensburg, and lost her.

TRIAL ADJOURNED.

Lawyer Raises Objection in Case of Japs Arrested Near the Boundary.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, Dec. 17.—Thirteen Japs were arrested yesterday near the boundary and their trial place to-day in New Westminster. They were charged with illegal entrance to Canada. Lawyer Reid took the case over to the court and the court was adjourned until instructions can be received from the Attorney-General. Percy Evans, of Evans, Coleman & Evans, is in Frisco with S. M. Robins, of the New Vancouver Coal Co. It is stated they are arranging a new coal combination to take over the output of the mines. It is a foregone conclusion that R. G. MacPherson will receive the nomination at the Liberal convention this evening.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Sixty-Three Persons Perished in Hungary In Three Days—Shepherds Devoured by Wolves.

(Associated Press.)
Vienna, Dec. 17.—According to dispatches from Hungary sixty-three persons were frozen to death there during the last three days. Wolves are devastating sheep folds and have devoured three shepherds.

Ninety thousand men in the British army have got good conduct badges.

PONG WONG NOW A FREE CHINAMAN

**MAGISTRATE THOUGHT
CHARGE WAS PUT UP**

**And Dismissed the Case Yesterday—
Severe Penalty Was Inflicted
This Morning.**

The Look Den case is over and the Chinaman, Pong Wong, who was accused of an attack on his compatriot while he lay helpless on his bed, is now at liberty. He was discharged yesterday afternoon, the evidence being insufficient to justify his commitment to a higher court. In fact the magistrate stigmatized the prosecution as one of the worst ever brought before him, there having evidently been a conspiracy to make Pong Wong suffer for the crime.

Having failed to fasten the crime on Pong Wong, the prosecution, or rather the prosecuting Chinese association, will doubtless let the matter rest. The interest they have manifested in the affair has been unusual, and makes the case a notable one in police court records. Crimes have been committed in Chinatown on other occasions, but the members of the secret societies have made no effective move toward bringing the criminal to justice. Why they should so actively participate in the present prosecution is a question the police find it difficult to answer.

It is unlikely that the real offender will ever be apprehended. Generally speaking, Chinatown considers Pong Wong guilty, but when asked to state the reason, the bland Asiatics give no definite answer, vaguely remarking that Pong Wong "very bad man." The latter has apparently feared that he would be violently treated, for his counsel yesterday morning said he had been in hiding ever since he was liberated on bail. He has been pronounced guilty by the secret society, or "Highlanders," as they are generally called, and doubtless fears that having failed to secure his punishment through the police court they will take the matter into their own hands.

A heavy penalty was inflicted on one Fred S. O'Neil in the court this morning. The culprit is an old offender, and was charged with supplying intoxicants to a kioochman name Jessie. He pleaded guilty, and said that at first he refused to secure the liquor for the woman, but she threatened him so much that at last he gave way. He was fined \$250 or in default six months' imprisonment with hard labor. This is his second offence with the police this year. On May 21st last he was charged with supplying liquor to the same kioochman whom he furnished the stuff yesterday. He was then fined \$100 or three months' imprisonment. In February, 1898, he served a month for stealing some clothes. In March, 1901, he served nine months, also for stealing. He was arrested yesterday by Sergeant Redgrave.

Another liquor supplying case also came before the magistrate. Edward Nelson was charged with supplying whiskey to two West Coast Indians. Both Indians identified him as the man, but each swore that the accused gave it to the other. The three of them were together when spotted by Constables Alcott and Northcott early this morning, and were taken into custody. The accused denied the accusation, but refused to give evidence. He was fined \$100 or three months' imprisonment with hard labor.

James Dumplie was charged with assaulting a young man in front of Vasil's store on Government street. Dumplie was drunk at the time, and had no recollection of the trouble, but remarked that he "guessed he was guilty." He was fined \$10 or twenty days' imprisonment. A Victoria Western was charged with riding his bicycle on the sidewalk. He pleaded not guilty, and the case was adjourned until tomorrow.

DENIES THE STORY.

Mr. Lindsay Says Grand Trunk Officials Were Not Met by Mr. Dunsinuir.

Hon. Jas. Dunsinuir and A. Lindsay returned last evening from San Francisco. Mr. Lindsay was seen to-day, and says there was nothing in the report of a meeting between Mr. Dunsinuir and the Grand Trunk officials. Mr. Dunsinuir was not acquainted with the officials referred to, he added. The trip was one which Mr. Dunsinuir usually takes in connection with his business interests in the city of San Francisco. It was the first visit since his return from Europe, and was but an ordinary business trip.

STORE BURNED.

Fire at Starbuck, Man., Does Considerable Damage.

(Associated Press.)
Starbuck, Minn., Dec. 17.—The general store of Herman A. Adelman, along with an early hour this morning. The proprietors and a clerk, who slept on the premises, had a narrow escape for their lives. The loss will be heavy, but is partly covered by insurance.

FRAUDS BY BOOKKEEPER.

(Associated Press.)
Berlin, Dec. 17.—The Darmstadter Bank has been defrauded of \$175,000, owing to false entries on the part of a bookkeeper, Neesler, who had charge of the deposits. Neesler has been missing since Sunday.



WHAT TO BUY
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STILL FAR FROM ANY SETTLEMENT

VENEZUELA WILL NOT GO UNPUNISHED

How the Offer to Arbitrate Is Regarded in Official Circles in London.

London, Dec. 16.—At the foreign office this morning it was said that no decision had yet been arrived at in regard to Venezuelan arbitration. Many difficulties have arisen in the way of arriving at a basis of what can be arbitrated and what can be otherwise settled. The outlook for a pacific settlement of the dispute is not particularly bright.

The foreign office points out that the Venezuela offer to arbitrate is extremely vague. President Castro, in the communication, in which he expressed his willingness to resort to arbitration, provided no guarantee that the rights of British subjects in Venezuela will be respected pending the award. The foreign office claims that some matters are impossible to arbitrate, instancing the disrespectful treatment of Mr. Hargrad, the British minister to Venezuela. To arbitrate the financial claims, however, will meet with no opposition in official circles in London. Nor is there any desire to stir up the position here by continuing unnecessarily the present armed compact with Germany, but quoting from the foreign office: "At the same time there is not the slightest inclination to let Venezuela go unpunished for her repeated insults and injuries. The offer to arbitrate comes very late. We are not seeking a quarrel, but we must insure ourselves against a recurrence of acts which led to the present situation."

The foreign office appears to be without official cognizance of the attitude of the Washington government, although it is convinced unofficially that Washington is anxious that further hostilities be avoided. It is known that the foreign office has made inquiry as to whether the United States would be willing to guarantee the fulfilling of Venezuela's pledges, either at the immediate cessation of the present European action or pending the award of arbitration. This inquiry resulted in a direct negative from the United States. With the guarantee of the United States the foreign office says arbitration in the Venezuelan matters would be an immediate probability, but with only the word of a government hitherto unreliable, arbitration is difficult of accomplishing, even upon the points where international relations admit of such a method of settlement.

Coercive Measures.

London, Dec. 16.—Replying to a question in the House of Lords to-day, Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, said that if the seizure of Venezuelan gunboats did not produce the desired effect further coercive measures would be employed. The matter had been considered in consultation with Germany, and it had been decided to resort to a blockade of the ports. It was not intended to

land a British force, and still less to occupy Venezuelan territory.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Venezuelan situation was discussed at the cabinet meeting to-day in all its phases, but no recession on the part of this government, with respect to questions involving Venezuela, or any of the other governments of South or Central America, as laid down by the President in his message to Congress, was suggested.

So far as Secretary Hay's proposal to the powers of arbitration is concerned, it is viewed from an official source that in view of the fact that the allied powers, have agreed to assist each other in the pressing of their claims against Venezuela, there is a feeling that the reply of Germany, Great Britain and Italy should be unanimous.

Estimated at between two and three million bolivars, Italian claims are considerably in excess of those of Great Britain, and the course of the Rome government in not acting hastily in the matter has commended itself to the state department.

Before leaving this morning, the Italian ambassador gave Secretary Hay every assurance that his government wished to act strictly in accordance with President Roosevelt's interpretation of the Monroe doctrine. One of the confining features of the day's developments, to the official mind, was the reception of an intimation that so far as Great Britain was concerned, she was disposed to accept the view of the state department here as to the limitations of a "peaceful blockade," this is to say, the disposition is to avoid interference

OVERBURDENED.

The Egyptian woman looks greatly overburdened, and yet the physical burdens she carries will not compare with the burdens borne by many an American woman. There is no burden like the burden of disease. The woman who suffers from inflammation or ulceration, bearing-down pains, weak back and nervousness, bears a burden which crushes her very life.

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with neutral shipping which, however, must not give actual aid to the Venezuelan government.

There is more reason to believe that at present there is a difference of opinion between the allies relative to the blockade, and that Britain with her great commercial and shipping interests is reluctant to consent to the imposition of irritating burdens upon it every time there is a serious friction between two nations, yet, not justifying a declaration of war.

German Officer Killed.

Porto Cabello, Dec. 16.—It has been learned here that during the bombardment of Porto Cabello on December 13th by the British cruiser Charybdis and the German cruiser Vineta, that the Charybdis was struck in the bow by a shot fired from a cannon on the Plaza Bruzal. The Vineta was struck twice by the Venezuelan cannon. The reply to which has been in circulation here that an officer of the Vineta was killed during the bombardment by a rifle bullet fired from the shore appears now to be true. The Vineta left this port suddenly, although it was supposed she would remain here to protect German interests. She is presently at Willemstad, Curaçao, where she arrived with her flag flying half-mast. It is believed the German cruiser went to Willemstad for the purpose of burying the body of the dead officer there.

No Reply From Germany.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The German government has not replied to President Castro's offer of arbitration of the Venezuelan dispute, being still in correspondence with the British government on the subject. It is intimated that Germany's reply is not likely to be ready for some days.

The opinion in the cabinet appears to be that President Castro's proposals are merely a move in a game to see what Germany and Great Britain are now willing to do, and also as a test of American public feeling. The prevailing idea here at present is that it is too late to arbitrate, and that the acceptance of the offer to do so would place Germany in the position of having put her hand to the plough and as looking backwards. The government's concern at the present moment is to guide the application of force so as to avoid what would be taken internationally as a declaration of war, resulting in the recognition of Venezuela as a belligerent.

The conduct of the United States is regarded in diplomatic circles as being strong and dignified, and the state department's handling of the affair is looked upon as establishing Europe's recognition of the Monroe doctrine, because every step of Germany and Great Britain was made after taking into account what the United States thought of it.

GOMPERS ON STAND.

President of Federation of Labor Make Charges Against Coal Companies.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 16.—The entire two sessions of the strike commission to-day were consumed in hearing three witnesses for the men. They were Jno. C. Haddock, an individual operator; Dr. J. H. Haddock, who is assisting the miners, and President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor.

The principal point in Mr. Haddock's testimony was that he favored giving the mine workers concessions under certain conditions. President Gompers testified as an expert in the trade union movement. He created a stir when he strongly implied during his examination that the coal companies are responsible for bringing immigrants to the coal regions. When one of the lawyers for the coal companies asked him if he knew it from personal knowledge, he said he could prove it if necessary.

The miners made another attempt to-day to have the commission admit as evidence a large mass of testimony tending to show that the anthracite coal carrying roads charged extortionate and discriminating freight rates, and that a monopoly exists in the anthracite mining industry, which keeps the wages of men at an unreasonably low level. The commission decided that the evidence presented be limited to the scope of the commission, and that if it did take up the claims made in the evidence proposed to be submitted, the justifiableness of the mine workers' demands would still remain.

LOST IN IRISH CHANNEL.

Steamer Believed to Have Foundered With Sixteen Men.

London, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the Central News says that 16 men, officers and crew, of the British steamer Marley, are believed to have been drowned as a result of the foundering of their vessel. The Marley left Liverpool for Dublin loaded with coal yesterday evening. She experienced heavy weather in mid-channel. A lifeboat was lowered, but it was washed away with one man in it. This sailor was rescued. He declared that he saw the Marley foundered. The British steamer Marley was built at Belfast in 1900. She was of 780 gross tons. She was owned by Ledaic, McCormick & Co., of Dublin.

ELECTION OF MAYORS.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 16.—Municipal elections for all points outside of Winnipeg were held to-day. In many cases the elections were by acclamation, and no great interests were attached to the contest except at Brandon, where J. W. Fleming defeated F. Nation for mayor. Other mayors and reeves elect are: Portage la Prairie, town, E. Brown; Portage la Prairie, municipality, C. E. Grobb; Argyle, Jas. Dale; Carleton Place, M. Long; Dauphin municipality, C. Searle; Morden, J. Schmitz; Altona, Bergmann; Minnedosa, J. Fairbairn; West Selkirk, J. MacKenzie.

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CHARITY CONCERT AT THE THEATRE

DELIGHTFUL CONCERT GIVEN LAST NIGHT

Miss Goodwin Makes Her First Public Appearance Since Her Return—A Packed House.

Mrs. H. D. Helmeckon has so frequently delighted Victoria audiences by the musical entertainments which she has provided, that her announcement of another effort in the same line was sufficient to pack the local theatre last night almost to the hilt of its accommodation.

Public anticipation was excited to an unusual degree by reason of the names and features promised in connection with the event, while the fact that Miss Goodwin was to make her first appearance after three years' absence on the continent insured the attendance of a large number who admired her talents while in their embryonic state.

The entertainment was under the patronage of His Honor the Lieut-Governor, who with his party occupied a prettily-draped box, one section of which was hidden in a large Union Jack. The other boxes, and the front of the stage had also been prettily decorated for the occasion.

The first selection given by Miss Goodwin, who had a flattering reception, attested the fidelity with which she has pursued her studies and the care bestowed on the cultivation of her voice by her tutors. Although suffering from a cold, her rendering of "L'Ete Chantante" revealed the richness, compass, and flexibility of a voice, always singularly sweet. For this selection as well as for all of the remainder of the numbers for which she was responsible, namely, "Aime-Moi," "She is Far From the Land" and "Reinade Sabe," she was recalled most insistently, and responded with encore numbers. For a final encore she sang "Home, Sweet Home," which greatly pleased the audience. Doubtless the cold from which the talented young lady was suffering prevented her from rendering some selections which would have given her voice more scope and range.

She was the recipient during the evening of a number of handsome floral tributes, and indeed all the ladies who took part were fortunate in this respect. Mr. A. Herbert Ritchie, recently of London, who has recently taken up his residence in this city, was heard for the first time in public, in a number of violin selections, which took the audience by storm. His first "Benedictus" completely captivated the audience, and his appearance thereafter throughout the entire evening was a signal for enthusiastic applause. He also gave in addition to the encores, "Juditha," in which Mr. Ritchie, Victor, has had a decided acquisition to musical circles, and one whose services will be in great demand.

Miss Gertrude Loewen, favored the audience with a ballad by Chopin, which won for her well merited applause, and a recall.

The dancing was capital. The opening one, the minuet by Gladys Anderson and Dorothy Hunter Lester, was captivating, the tender years of one of the children, and the coy grace of both enhancing the pleasure their dancing afforded. Marguerite Bellinger, a pretty little daughter of H. Bellinger, the manager of the Crofton smelter, gave a charming fancy step, to which she was obliged to respond with a new edition of the cake walk. The butterfly dance by Marguerite Hill formed a beautiful conclusion to the list of dances, the manipulation of yards of silk over skirt under the varying hues of the wing lights, forming a picture which will linger in the memories of those who witnessed it.

A great deal of interest centered in the Florentine sextette, which in spite of the great run upon it seems to retain its charm unabated. For this a very pretty young ladies and stalwart swains had been selected, while the costuming of the former was in the best of taste. Three taking part in the number were: Mrs. Robin Dunsinuir, Miss Prior, Miss Hunt, Miss Worlock, Miss Dorothy Green, Miss Anita Goodwin, Mr. R. B. Powell, Mr. R. H. Holmes, Mr. G. Phillips, Mr. C. Pooley, Mr. R. Worlock, Mr. A. Gore. They were recalled twice.

The last number was a coon song by Miss Prior, the remainder of the sextette acting as chorus for her, and the entire number joining in the cake walk, which followed the song. Miss Prior also was suffering from a cold, but pluckily consented to sing, rather than disappoint the audience, which showed its appreciation in a most enthusiastic way.

During the evening Mrs. R. W. Higgins acted as accompanist for Miss Goodwin, and Mr. Russell for Mr. Ritchie.

Just prior to the last number Mr. Helmeckon expressed his appreciation on behalf of Mrs. Helmeckon of the generous response of the audience to the cause of charity on which behalf the entertainment was given.

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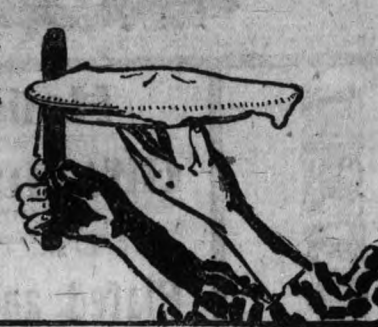
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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 17.—5 a.m.—The high barometer area maintains its central position over the North Pacific states, and fair weather is general both there and throughout British Columbia. There has been a decided fall in temperature in the American plateau district, the minimum last night at Baker City falling to 8 degrees above zero. In the Northwest the pressure has decreased in all sections and fair weather with moderate temperatures prevails. No precipitation is reported during the last 24 hours either on the Pacific slope or the Canadian Northwest.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday, Victoria and vicinity—Light or moderate northerly winds, generally fair and cool. Lower Mainland—Light or moderate winds, generally fair and cool.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 30.33; temperature, 30; minimum, 24; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.32; temperature, 30; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, fair.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 16; minimum, 12; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 20; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 40; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, clear.
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, 30; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, clear.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer *Charmar* from Vancouver—J. B. Rutledge, M. J. Miller, Miss Tait, R. Wurtel, T. A. Johnson, H. B. Jayne, T. R. B. McInnes, W. H. Higgins, A. R. Goodwin, J. W. Stewart and wife, Miss Galbraith, J. McGregor, Mrs. Smith, J. Gibson, S. J. Barnes, J. B. Simpson, W. J. Carruthers, Mrs. Sacko, R. F. Gibson, Col. Warren, W. Warren, Rev. G. Grant, A. Bamfield, C. Kemp, F. S. Barnard, J. I. Lott, F. V. Moffett, Fred Wright, J. W. L. S. Michelson, C. Rabg, C. Campbell, J. A. Thomson, J. McGowan.

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EXPLOSION IN TUNNEL.

Caused by Crossing of Electric Light Wires—Two Men Killed.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 14.—Two men were instantly killed, two others fatally injured and a number of others less seriously injured in an explosion of gas in the waterworks tunnel, 100 feet below the bottom of Lake Erie, today.

The cause of the explosion, it is believed, was a spark from two electric light wires in the tunnel igniting the accumulated gas.

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A Motion to This Effect Discussed at a Meeting Held Last Night—Dallas Road Foreshore.

There was a fairly good attendance at the last meeting of the Voters' League this year held last evening at the city hall. Interesting discussions took place on the inaction of the city council in regard to the protection of the Dallas road foreshore, and on a resolution introduced by A. J. Morley in favor of substituting civic government by a commission presided over by the Mayor for the present system.

F. Moore was voted to the chair. Among those present were Hon. Secretary Morley, Secretary W. Laird, and Messrs. Grant, Clements, Bragg, Peirson, Sorby, Seabrook, Moberley, Ker, Lovell, Loughton, Henderson, Maynard, Lugin and Beckwith.

A. J. Morley read a communication from the council, acknowledging the receipt of the league's recommendation regarding Dallas road, and informing them that owing to lack of funds it was at present impossible to undertake the necessary work.

Senator Macdonald was surprised at the light way in which members of the aldermanic board regarded this important question. Dollars were being lost every twenty-four hours the bank was allowed to receive the wash of the sea unprotected, as the foreshore was breaking away more or less every day. T. C. Sorby endorsed the preceding speaker's remarks.

F. Moberley was of the opinion that a mattress and sand at the bottom of the bank would be a good temporary safeguard. It would cost but very little. Mr. Sorby said this would hardly answer, as it was not only the lower portion of the bank that was being washed away, but the top also was in danger. A wall was required.

F. Moore, chairman, said he observed the condition of the Dallas road foreshore, and was of the opinion that a wall was needed. He cited some incidents on the coast of the United Kingdom where the citizens were confronted by the same problem as this city. Enormous sums in these cases had been expended in erecting a solid concrete wall. The sum of \$20,000 had been spent on a piece of foreshore slightly shorter than Dallas road.

Mr. Moberley pointed out that City Engineer Topp estimated the cost of a stone wall on Dallas road at \$14,000. J. Pierson wanted to know whether either the provincial or Dominion governments were not responsible for work in connection with the foreshore.

Senator Macdonald explained that the question as to whether the foreshore was vested in the federal or provincial governments was now the subject of negotiations between the two governments.

Mr. Morley held that the attitude of either of the governments towards the foreshore did not alter the condition of Dallas road, and that the city should make some effort, if only temporary, to prevent any further washing away.

Ex-Ald. Bragg said that as this was a question of the utmost importance, the letter should be referred back to the

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council for further consideration.

Mr. Peirson moved:

That the letter be acknowledged and that the subject matter be referred back and the council notified that in the opinion of the league, owing to the vital urgency of the matter, their decision be reconsidered.

The league's communication to the council in reference to the selecting of a site for the Carnegie library was acknowledged with the reasons (already published) why the council was unable to carry out the recommendations made. The letter was received and filed.

Mr. Morley then introduced the following resolution: That the Voters' League shall consider the advisability of the abandonment of the ward system and the introduction of a Mayor and two commissioners for the management of the city, and that the matter be referred to the voters for an expression of opinion before August 31st, 1903.

In making this motion, Mr. Morley explained that he did not wish to cast any aspersions on the present Mayor and council. The question to consider was whether the present system of civic government was the best. It appeared to him that the ward system was the root of all corruption in aldermanic elections. Owing to this a city was divided against itself in the transaction of municipal business. The representatives of the North Ward were pulling for their district, those of the South Ward for their portion of the city, and so on. An illustration of what this led to he mentioned the difficulty of the council in deciding upon a library site, and also the controversy on the sewerage question. The aldermen were elected to look after the interests of their respective wards, and if they did their duty they were bound to do this. Given the best mayor and aldermen that could be appointed by the city, he held that the business would be looked after in an amateurish fashion. They could hardly be termed honorary or paid servants. There had been no system of road improvement in Victoria. If this was placed in the hands of a commissioner and he made responsible for it, the speaker was confident that the work would be done well. Certain sums for permanent improvements in each of the districts should be set aside yearly, and this money expended effectively.

Senator Macdonald thought the suggestion one of great importance and worthy of earnest consideration. He was of the opinion that the public works of Victoria were not performed as efficiently as they should be. A few years ago Theodore Davis had made the same proposal in regard to the governing of the city. He favored the resolution.

Mr. Morley mentioned Washington, D. C., as a city that had been governed in the way suggested by him. There was no better nor more economically controlled municipality on the continent.

Mr. Peirson was loath to depart from the old aldermanic system. He thought, however, that there was room for a general reformation in the manner of managing the civic business. He suggested that aldermen should be elected for two terms, and thought that the changes in the personnel of the council should be brought about gradually, as in the school board at present.

Mr. Bragg was in favor of doing away with wards.

Mr. Grant favored the motion. It was moved that the meeting adjourn until the first Tuesday in the new year, when the discussion of municipal matters will be continued. This carried.

At the second meeting in January it is the intention that an interesting and instructive debate shall take place on railway works of the province. Messrs. Lugin, Moberley and others will give addresses.

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INTERMEDIATE GAME.
The intermediate match played last evening between the Fernwood and J. H. A. A. teams resulted in a victory for the latter by a score of 14 to 2. The game throughout was fast, but owing to the inaccuracy of the Bays in shooting they were unable to keep up to the Fernwood team. Every man on the Fernwood team scored, while for the Bays Jenkins did the scoring. S. Lorimer refereed the game satisfactorily.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

PROVINCIAL LEAGUE.
Up to the present no provincial senior league has been formed. The executive, it is understood, are waiting for word regarding the intention of the Mainland teams. Entries have been received from a sufficient number of island teams to form a very satisfactory league, and football players are becoming impatient at the delay. The Work Point barracks club has written several strong letters to the executive urging immediate action, and it is probable that with the beginning of the New Year the senior league will be formed whether Mainland teams care to interest themselves or not. The entries now on hand are the Victoria (present champions), Columbus, Work Point Barracks and Cowichan.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA V. VANCOUVER.
It is likely that the intermediate Rugby team will go to Vancouver next Saturday in order to play their return match with the Vancouver intermediates. The captain and secretary hope to be able to take over as strong a team as defeated the Nanaimo intermediates here a few Saturdays ago. On Thursday evening in the Institute hall a concert will be given under the auspices of the intermediate club to raise funds to cover the expenses of the trip to Vancouver. A. T. Goward, W. Williams, Col. Moore, Louis York, J. H. B. Rickaby and others will sing. A recitation by W. Adair violin solo by Jesse Longfield, and banjo selections by Urquhart Jackson will be included in the programme. All those who have the welfare of this sport at heart should patronize this entertainment.

MEET TO-NIGHT.
This evening in the V. A. C. rooms, Fort street, a meeting of the Junior Rugby players will be held for the purpose of discussing business.

TRAIN DERAILLED.

The Engineer and Fireman Were Instantly Killed.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The eastbound express of the Chesapeake & Ohio railway was derailed last night at Whiteumb, Va., by a slide of rock caused by the long and continued rains during the past two or three days. The engine, postal car and baggage car were derailed and the engineer and fireman killed. The baggage master was hurt slightly, but the postal clerks were uninjured. No passengers on the train were hurt.

M. Banks, a Winnipeg pioneer, and former mayor of that city, was found dead in his bed at Morden.

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TRUCE ENDED.

The eyes of Alderman McCandless have been opened. He has addressed the letter which follows to His Worship the Mayor. He should have acted some time ago. Mr. Hayward has been so carried away by his feelings on several public occasions that the existence of the pact which was entered into at his request entirely slipped from his memory. Perhaps such lapses were only to be expected considering the occasions and the man. But we do not know that the cause of the party who loyally abided by his agreement has been severely injured by the loss of time in getting down to active campaign work.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 16th, 1902.

Mr. Chas. Hayward, Mayor.

Dear Sir,—At your request I entered into an arrangement with you whereby we both agreed not to hold any public meetings or make any political speeches until after the New Year. To this I have faithfully adhered.

You, however, in my opinion, have not adhered to it so faithfully, and seem to be laboring under the restraint of our compact so much that you have been unable to keep it.

I, therefore, think it best to release you from it, and will henceforth hold myself at liberty to do as I think fit in the matter.

Respectfully yours,
A. G. McCANDLESS.

NORTH VICTORIA.

Not being gifted with "second sight" nor with a desire to prophesy before we know, the Times cannot say which candidate will be victorious in North Victoria. But one thing is perfectly plain: The loss of the constituency will mean the resignation or expulsion from office of the government. That being so, the members of the administration at present running to and fro in the islands and other places are not neglecting any opportunities of "persuasion" which present themselves. A correspondent would like to know what the government is doing to justify its action in keeping the electors so long without a representative. If he were not "A Stranger in the Galleries" he would not ask such a question. Strange things are done in the name of politics in British Columbia. Such eccentricities as the disfranchisement of a constituency for a whole year create comparatively little stir here now. West Yale may be treated the same way if considered expedient, and it will not be open to some of the chief of the opponents of the government to complain. They have placed themselves out of court in condoning by their silence the treatment of North Victoria. What the electors of the constituency think of the matter is another question. It is almost impossible to conceive of their taking any other view than that the government which committed the outrage is unworthy of their confidence, and that the candidate who appears before them in the name of that government will be defeated by a large majority. Mr. T. W. Paterson is the kind of a man that is needed very much in the Legislature. He is possessed of the practical knowledge of general business affairs, and of transportation matters in particular, that would prove almost invaluable in shaping legislation at the present time. He is a man of clear head and sound judgment. He would not only make a valuable representative for North Victoria, but his counsel would exercise a profound influence for the good of the province generally. We cannot conceive of the peculiar "influences" of the ministerial canvassers persuading the electors who have been so unjustly treated to pass over such a man and choose the candidate who has been set up. We believe the Colonist was right when it said Mr. Robertson had victory "in his eye."

A GRAVE SITUATION.

The disciplining of Venezuela is evidently not going to be such a simple matter after all. There may be developments in the waters of the irresponsible republic at any time which may lead to serious complications. It was simply ridiculous for Americans and Germans to talk of a peaceful blockade of Venezuela ports in face of the facts. The ships of the republic had been forcibly taken possession of by the allied powers and forts had been dismantled by artillery. If those events did not imply a state of war, what did they indicate? The loss of life was not serious, it is true, but the Venezuelans resisted to the utmost of their feeble power. If they had possessed the means they would have acted up to the limit of that means, we suppose. But there is none the less a state of war because of the impotence of one of the parties to the dispute.

All the South American states have signified their moral adherence to the cause of their sister "republic." The United States feels bound to uphold her friend Venezuela up to the bounds of the Monroe Doctrine. The interpretation of that celebrated doctrine has not yet been clearly and definitely stated. We suppose a great deal depends upon the tendencies and the bias of the mind of the individual who attempts to read the riddle. It is generally supposed to mean that no European power shall be allowed to add to her possessions in North and South America. Great Britain and Germany disclaim any intention of seizing Venezuelan territory. Their only object is to remove the impression from the minds of the men who have governed and now govern that state that when they incur obligations they must be prepared to meet them. There are other matters involved, such as outrageous treatment of the powers which are now forcing the issue. In all properly governed and regulated communities there is machinery for the restraint of the individual who would be a law unto himself and has no proper regard for the effects of his lawless doings upon the persons and fortunes of his fellows. Nations are collections of individuals, and a certain code of ethics has gradually been evolved which is lived up to more or less closely by most of them. Venezuela has not of late years considered herself bound by this code at all. The United States is morally responsible for this condition of affairs. The facts are well known, and it is not necessary to enter into them again. There was a dispute as to the boundary between the republic and British Guiana. Great Britain made certain claims, which were disputed. The United States stepped in in a most offensive way and insisted upon arbitration. It developed that the claims of Her Majesty's government were substantially correct. But it was the manner of the intervention that created the false impression upon the minds of Venezuelans. They conceived the idea from the language of President Cleveland that there was no force in the world that could compel them to behave with decency towards Europeans. To-day Americans are reaping the reward of their benevolence. They are confronted with practically a united Europe, which says that the attitude of its dependent cannot longer be tolerated. There is a state of war in Venezuela. The ports of the republic are blockaded. To absolve American vessels from restrictions which apply to the ships of all other nations, would reduce the blockade to a farce. We shall be very much surprised if Great Britain and Germany be parties to farcical proceedings. It is an announced that Admiral Dewey is prepared with the fleet under his command to convey United States vessels through the blockaded fleet. That constitutes the serious part of the situation. The only apparent solution of the difficulty lies in the United States government. If it will become responsible for the fulfillment by the sister republic of her obligations, as it has already abetted her in wrong-doing, a means of immediate settlement may be found. In the meantime there are momentous questions for statesmen to ponder over.

DON'T FUNK.

About a week ago we were told by a contemporary which knows all things that there were unmistakable indications that the hope of Canada, to-wit, the Conservative party, would soon come to its own again. Mr. Tarte had left the tents of wickedness, and had joined forces with the elect. The bye-elections pending in the East would show the real feelings entertained by the people upon the political questions of the day. Some of the elections are over, and we surmise the result has not proved satisfactory. And so the faithful in Vancouver are warned that the time for action is not yet. Better to wait a while and let the differences alleged to exist in the ranks of Liberals "come to a head." It would be a mistake to put a candidate



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in the field to fight for the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Maxwell. The victory of a Conservative would merely make the Liberals forget their differences, and with a united party confronting the forces of Toryism at the general elections there could be little doubt as to the result. The true policy for the representatives of the party in Vancouver is to avoid a present exposure of weakness and look ahead.

But the Colonist cannot have read the election address of Dr. McInnes. He has avowed himself an independent. If he had any bias at all, it is undoubtedly towards the Conservative party. He has returned to the love of his early days. He has made a direct appeal for the support of Conservatives. He is opposed by the two Liberal newspapers in Vancouver and is supported in a tentative way by the one Conservative journal there. If his presence in the field should lead to divisions of any kind, they should appear in the ranks of the opposition. To guard against such a dire event and for the sake of the welfare of the country, which is suffering so for the lack of the application of the principles of the one party in which its hopes of salvation lies, we hold it to be the duty of the Terminal City patriots to nominate a candidate and let all Canada know that Conservatism in the West is not like the spineless thing that masquerades under the name in the East—that it is neither dead nor sleeping. The grand old party should nail its colors to the mast and sink with a roar of defiance. It would be unworthy of the traditions of the past for it to admit by its actions that it has no hope for the future except in alleged differences in the Liberal party.

Tomey Homma has been "turned down" by their lordships of the Privy Council. The thought of the Attorney-General throwing all private and political considerations to the winds and at great personal inconvenience rushing to the halls of higher justice no doubt exercised a great moral effect upon the court. Mr. Eberts was not on hand in time to take part in the arguments, but his earnestness of purpose and zeal were impressive. Whatever the cause, the victory is with us. Orientals are barred from the voters' lists of British Columbia. The volumes are sacred to the names of those of white lineage.

CANADA'S CHALLENGE.

The most interesting signs of the times from Canada is the proposed increase in her bank capital. If Englishmen who view with such distrust American financial expansion will but look a little nearer home they will see a growth of expansion which places that of the United States quite in the shade. Six millions of people in Canada now have bank deposits of \$450,000,000, a sum of \$200,000,000 in five years. Canada may well challenge the world to match it.

UNCLE SAM'S CHRONIC ALARM.

Mail and Empire. The Monroe doctrine is positively becoming a nightmare to our good neighbors in the United States. They are possessed by constant fears that someone will "infract" it. A day seems to be coming when all

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NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the Ship Inn, Wharf street, in the said City of Victoria, from Maria Thomson and George Roberts, executrix and executor of the estate of George Thomson, deceased, to Carolina Fernando, of the City of Victoria.

Dated this 13th day of November, 1902.

MARIA THOMSON.
B. ROBERTS.

By their attorney in fact, Joseph Loewen.

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Dated this 12th day of December, 1902.

CAROLINA FERNANDO.

ships approaching the United States will be hailed by a megaphone inquiry: "Are all on board in favor of the Monroe doctrine?" and if a satisfactory reply is not forthcoming, the vessel will either be asked to turn back or the Washington authorities notified to prepare a fleet and order out the military.

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The best values we have shown.

English Squares, 50c

Most stores would ask 75c, or even \$1.00 for the same kind.

Some exclusive novelties at.....

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New Patterns in Reversible four-in-hand..... 50c each.

Made up ties in all the latest styles.

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Souvenir Spoons, with Parliament Buildings on bowl, British Columbia, Canada or Empire coat-of-arms on handle.....

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Silver Thimbles, all sizes.....

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Ladies' Aprons

See Windows To-day, prices.....

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Dolls

Shows in Government street window to-day, all marked.

Special nice lot of dressed Dolls, price.....

..... \$1.00 and \$1.50 a pair.

Other kinds of dressed Dolls.....

..... 25c, to \$2.00

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Dressing Cases in leather cases, 4 pieces, in white celluloid and black ebony.....

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—John Labatt's Pale Ale is sparking purity.

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—The usual fortnightly meeting of the Natural History Society was held at the provincial parliament buildings on Monday evening. Capt. Walbraun, vice-president, occupied the chair in the absence of Mr. Anderson, president. Capt. Walbraun read an interesting account of the history of Victoria, Nanaimo and Vancouver.

—This afternoon there will be a conference at the city hall to discuss the Terminal railway question. The Mayor and aldermen, A. E. Wood, president of the railway company, and a delegation from the trades and labor council are to be present. The discussion will include the phase of the question relating to having the work in connection with the building of the boats done in this city.

—This evening in the First Presbyterian church hall the Sunday school children, under the direction of J. Meeson, will present a pretty and tuneful cantata "Mine Host Santa Claus." As the children are all in fancy costume and will introduce several novelties in this class of entertainment, a full house is anticipated. The annual Sunday school treat will probably be held early in January.

—Last evening the regular meeting of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, Local Division 109, was held. Officers were elected for the ensuing term as follows: President, Geo. C. Anderson; vice-president, H. B. Middleton; secretary, D. Dewar; treasurer, A. J. Bird; conductor, W. Harris; warden, P. McNeil; sentinel, D. Miller. It was decided to hold a smoker in Labor hall, December 20th. All members are invited.

—San Francisco papers, received by last evening's mail, chronicled the death of George W. Prescott, one of the principal stockholders in the Union Iron Works, and for several years president of that corporation. The deceased was 60 years of age. He was born in Maine, going from his native state to Boston to learn the mechanic's trade. The late Mr. Prescott is well known all along the coast, and has many acquaintances in this city. A vessel bearing the name of the dead man belongs to this port.

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—The big Dominion government dredge King Edward VII, now aground in the Fraser near Chilliwack, may be floated again this week, says the Vancouver World. "It's not so simple," says Geo. Keefe, the Dominion government chief engineer. However, as the water in the river at that point is two feet below its normal level, it may be that the dredge will have to stay where it is until mountain rains cause the river to rise. The grounding was caused by the breaking of a small dam above where the dredge was working, which allowed great quantities of silt and mud to wash down around it. The situation was made more complicated by the presence of a huge snag, which interferes with the suction apparatus.

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—Make Labatt's Crystal Ale your Christmas drink.

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—The following are the returns of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending 16th inst.: Clearings, \$692,828; balances, \$251,011.

—Brass—Hammered Brass Trays from Benares & Morhadabad have arrived, and on sale at the Indian and Persian Depot, 15 Broad street.

—The Central W. C. T. U. hold a meeting at the Refuge Home to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, when the programme for the next half year will be considered.

—For a good display of Christmas goods of all description in furniture, glassware, chinaware, etc., you would certainly enjoy a visit to G. A. D. Elton, 139 Douglas street.

—The meeting of the board of directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, which was to have been held to-night, has been postponed until Friday, out of respect to the late Wm. Cluddey.

—The total salmon pack of Puget Sound for the season of 1902 is now given as 534,591 cases, as against 1,363,297 cases for the previous year. The value of this season's pack is reported at \$2,461,655.

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—On January 8th and 9th the Northern Pacific Railway Company will sell round trip tickets to Kansas City, Mo., for \$50, good for thirty days, with privilege of returning via California, at a small additional cost. For full particulars apply at Northern Pacific ticket office.

—Do not fail to hear Dr. Grant's lecture, "Snakes in Paradise," in Calvary Baptist church to-night. The lecture is a sure cure for the blues. You will laugh if you hear it. The doctor will locate the original Eden within two feet, and show you the feet. It is a blending of wit and wisdom, a series of splendid cartoons.

—Since Monday night the Western Union Telegraph Company's service has been in a crippled condition. The cable connection between this island and the shore across the Straits has been severed, presumably by some ship dragging anchor off William Head, and the company will have to await the arrival of a cable expert from San Francisco before repairs can be effected. In the meanwhile an effort will be made to arrange for a service.

—At a meeting of the British Empire League, held in the city hall last evening, Welby Solomon resigned his position of hon. secretary of the organization, which was accepted. Mr. Solomon was thanked by different members of the league for the services he had rendered as hon. secretary, a position which he held ever since its organization. R. B. Gosnell was elected successor to Mr. Solomon. Various matters of interest came before the meeting for discussion, and a programme for the coming year was outlined.

—A very interesting debate is expected at the meeting of the Victoria Literary and Debating Society to be held this evening in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The subject for discussion is "Old Age and Disability Pensions and Government Life Insurance." Both opposition and government are anxious for a fray, and the prospects are that their wishes will be gratified. This will be the last meeting until the new year, when it is expected that the debate with the representatives of the Burrend Literary Club, of Vancouver, will be held in this city. The public are invited to to-night's and all meetings of the society.

—The Baptist Sunday school Christmas tree, held at the Temperance hall, South Saanich, on the 11th, was a very enjoyable affair. By arrangement the scholars of Saanich day school were included in the event. John Shuggett was chairman, and addresses by him and Rev. Mr. Wright, especially with the importance of Sunday school work. The excellent programme of songs and recitations rendered by the children reflected great credit on Pastor J. Telford and the ladies who trained them. J. McKay, with fur coat and cap, came up to the most ardent desires of the children in his capacity as Santa Claus.

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An Increase of Forty Per Cent. in Quotation of Seal Fur.

Cable messages from London, England, brought good news to the sealers to-day. Prices obtained at the fur sales this morning were the largest on record. Twelve thousand seven hundred pelts of the British Columbia catch were offered, the average prices secured being 91 shillings and 6 pence, and 84 shillings respectively. The former was secured by the Hudson's Bay Company, and in consequence Manager Thompson, of the local company which handled many of the pelts, is receiving the congratulations of sealing men. The difference in the prices obtained by the company, however, and those of Lampson's cannot be accounted for just now.

Both quotations are a big improvement on last year's prices, representing as they do an increase of 40 and 35 per cent. over those then obtained, and will go a long way towards strengthening and regulating the industry during the coming year. The Sealing Company have been awaiting advice before coming to any decision as to the size of the fleet they will send to sea next year.

In speaking of the sales this afternoon, Mr. Thompson gave it as his opinion that the increased prices were the result of a general improvement in business throughout the old country, and to the fact that during the last six weeks the weather throughout Europe has been very cold.

There are still to be sold some 2,300 skins of last season's catch, and they will be auctioned, it is expected, in January.

ENJOYABLE CONCERT

Given Last Evening at the Alexandra College of Music.

The Alexandra College of Music has already established a reputation for the excellence of its work, and last evening's programme was no exception. The Misses Powell, Christy and Perry, three of Her-Store's clever pupils, gave several delightful numbers. Mrs. Fred. Hall and Miss Watkins, vocal pupils of Mrs. W. E. Green, acquitted themselves well. Miss Harrison, pupil of Miss Stone, recited in a charming manner. Truquhart Jackson showed good work on the cello. He is an excellent addition to Victoria's musical circle.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL.

Schedule of League Matches Drawn Up—Colors of Clubs.

Following is a schedule of games to be played in the Junior Basketball League:

Jan. 5—V. A. C. vs. Work Estate.
Jan. 6—Fernwoods vs. Capitals.
Jan. 7—V. A. C. vs. Fernwoods.
Jan. 13—Work Estate vs. Capitals.
Jan. 16—Capitals vs. V. A. C.
Jan. 20—Work Estate vs. Fernwoods.
Jan. 23—Capitals vs. V. A. C.
Feb. 3—Capitals vs. Work Estate.
Feb. 5—V. A. C. vs. Capitals.
Feb. 10—Fernwoods vs. Work Estate.
Feb. 13—Capitals vs. V. A. C.

The colors of the various clubs are: V. A. C., red and white; Work Estate, all blue with pink letters; Capitals, purple and white; Fernwoods, amber and black.

The age of players in the junior league is to be under 18. Those who have played two games in the intermediate league are barred from the junior league.

—A lecture is being delivered this afternoon at the High school by Dr. Ronald Grant on "Rambles in Nature."

—A meeting of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., will be held this evening, when work in the second degree will be performed.

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CASE CASE CONTINUED.

The Prosecution Witnesses Are Now Being Examined.

In the provincial police court this morning the hearing of the charges against Henry and Sandy Helgesen was resumed.

Geo. Powell stated that the contention of the defence was that they had had a herd of cattle which ran at large during the summer. They had gone out, located the herd and then shot a calf, which was following its mother and which they sold in the city.

Lawrence Goodacre, who bought the calf from Helgesen Bros., was examined. The skin selected by Mrs. Veitch as belonging to her calf was produced. Witnesses did not think the skin indicated that there was any Jersey in the animal. Dr. Tolmie was also examined, and he likewise did not think it was from a calf with Jersey breeding. J. Norris thought it was taken from a calf which he described as a bush-whacker, and that it had roughed it in the woods.

Mrs. Veitch's calf was previously described as having been half Jersey. The case is being continued this afternoon.

—The funeral of the late Henry Anderson, who died in Vancouver recently and whose body arrived from the Mainland last night, took place this afternoon from the rooms of the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company at 2 o'clock. Deceased was 54 years of age. The religious services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell.

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The China Mutual liner Yangtze will arrive from the Sound to-day to load thirteen or fourteen hundred tons of salmon for the European market, one of the largest shipments to be forwarded from here this season. Following the Yangtze in port, of the China Mutual line, will be the Moyne, which will be due about the end of this month. The ship has never visited this port, but has been on the Sound. Another of the same line which is en route to this port from round-the-world points is the steamer Ningchow, a brand new ship which is on her maiden voyage from England, and which in point of size is one of the largest ever sailing for British Columbia. She has almost double the carrying capacity of the Empress, and compares with the Shawmut, which up till the present holds the record in these waters, so far as size is concerned. The Ningchow was built at D. and W. Henderson & Company's yard, Glasgow, and was only launched this year. She is a steel twin screw steamer of 9,100 tons register, and of the following dimensions: Length, 480 feet; beam, 55 feet, and hold, 32 feet. The Shawmut is nine feet longer than the Ningchow, of the same beam, but has four feet less hold, while the Empress are 455 feet long by 51 beam and 33 feet hold.

RIJUN'S BIG CARGO.

Five thousand tons of Oriental merchandise was aboard the steamer Rijun Maru when she tied up at the ocean docks yesterday afternoon. Of the cargo, 250 tons were landed here, including large shipments of Japanese oranges. The steamer reported a rough trip from Yokohama. She brings news of an audacious case of theft in Banskhi, the culprits already arrested numbering more than one hundred. The authorities recently discovered that villagers in Kochimura, Chigusa-gori, Banskhi, had continually stolen trees in the government forests. They were in the habit of erecting huts in the forests and on the pretext of keeping watch over government property, in reality stole it, their depredations having been continued for eight years, commencing in 1895. This was lately discovered, and more than one hundred and twenty persons have been arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the crime. It is believed that more arrests may follow.

SIGHTED WATERPOUTS.

According to the Seattle Times the steamship Shawmut ran foul of four waterpouts off Vancouver Island, Captain Smith, the Times states, has filed an official report of the strange experience. On December 7th, after having experienced a succession of westerly gales, the Shawmut ran into a heavy east-southeast gale off the coast of Vancouver Island, attended with terrific squally and heavy rain. At noon those aboard the steamer were treated to an unusual spectacle, consisting of four monster waterpouts whirling about with terrific noise and each apparently traveling in a different track. The towers of whirling water hovered near the Shawmut for some time and finally disappeared to the southward. The waterpouts had been lost to view as Cape Beale was sighted, bearing north by east.

MARINE NOTES.

The schooner Fred J. Wood, after discharging 500 tons of sulphur at the Victoria Chemical Works, left to-day for Fairhaven, where she loads lumber for San Francisco. The British ship Endeavour, now en route to the Royal Roads from Townsville, is reported to have been chartered to load grain at Tacoma for Sydney. The tug Lorne arrived from Juneau to-day and left for Vancouver with the ship Pengwren in tow. The steamer Blanche sank at her wharf at Seattle on Monday last. The steamship Tartar left Yokohama for Victoria on Saturday.

LOYAL TO OPPOSITION.

Statement By Thomas Gifford, M. P., at New Westminster. A largely-attended meeting of the electors of Westminster was held in the Assembly hall, New Westminster, on Monday night, to hear Thomas Gifford, M.P.P., and Richard McBride, M.P.P., discuss questions appertaining to the present position of affairs at Victoria. The meeting was presided over by Geo. Hargreaves. Mr. Gifford, in the course of his speech, declared himself a loyal supporter of the opposition, and repudiated the idea suggested in certain quarters that he was hesitating in his allegiance. His remarks were loudly cheered. Subsequent to his speech, Mr. Gifford was presented with an address and a purse of gold, in token of the esteem entertained for him in the community. Mr. McBride also spoke at some length, and was applauded to the echo. A resolution was unanimously passed, endorsing the stand taken by Mr. Gifford, and by Mr. McBride as leader of the opposition. Mr. McBride, in the course of his remarks, predicted that the existing vacancy in the provincial cabinet would be filled by H. D. Helmcken.

SUCCESSFUL BLOW-IN.

Thye Smelter at Ladysmith Has Now Sufficient Water and Is Working Steadily.

The Thye smelter had a second blow-in last evening, which resulted satisfactorily. After operations had been opened on Monday it was found that the water supply was insufficient, which necessitated a suspension of work until the creek from which the water is obtained had been tapped in another place. With sufficient water for all purposes the smelter is working very satisfactorily. The works are situated near to the town of Ladysmith, but with the prevailing winds blowing from the south it is not expected that any inconvenience will be caused by the fumes. There is an abundance of ore on hand at the smelter, a considerable quantity of which has been roasted. This, with the large body at the Thye mine ensures a steady run at the smelter. Henry Collins, of Victoria, has joined the smelter staff as weigher at the furnace room. The assay office, which is situated a short distance nearer the town than the smelter works, is regarded as a model in point of arrangement. Special attention has been devoted to fitting it up by Manager Thos. Kiddie. The matte will be shipped to New York for refining purposes until a converter is installed at the works. Every arrangement has been made in building the smelter for the installation of this addition to the plant. Provision has also been made for increasing the capacity of the works by the installing of additional furnaces and blowers.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

Entertainments in Pemberton Gymnasium on Friday Forenoon and Afternoon.

The closing of the various public schools of the city on Friday for the Christmas holidays will, in most cases, be marked by the usual exercises. Girls' Central, Boys' Central, North Ward and Spring Ridge will all hold entertainments, more or less of an impromptu character, on that day. At South Park school, however, there will be no closing exercises, but on the reopening exercises will be held in the assembly room. Besides the rendering of a programme of musical selections, recitations, etc., the results of the entrance examinations now in progress will be announced. The medals won at the swimming competition this summer will also be presented on this occasion.

The pupils of the Boys' Central will hold their closing exercises in the Pemberton gymnasium in the forenoon, while the girls will hold an entertainment in the afternoon at the same place. A lecture will be delivered by the Rev. Baugh Allen, who will take for his subject, "How Christmas is spent in different parts of the world." All parents and friends are cordially invited to be present.

There will be no formal exercises in connection with the High school, but a public examination will be held in accordance with clause 8 of the rules and regulations. The different classrooms will be open to visitors during school hours. Arrangements have been completed for a rather unique entertainment to be given at the school to-morrow evening. It will be a magazine function, consisting of a presentation of the contents of a magazine, pictures being shown by tableau with dialogues and recitations rendered by the pupils. Miss Johnson will read an essay on recreations on the school grounds. A piano duet will be given by Misses Ohlsen and Carlisle. A story will be read entitled "Wiedershen," followed by a composition after "Hawthorne," by Miss L. Mowat. An act on the "Merchant of Venice" will be given by several young ladies of the school. A two-step dance, composed of Miss D. Smith, will be executed, while a storyette written by Miss L. Saunders will be recited. The correspondence department of a magazine will also be illustrated. In athletics, a bar bell dialogue will be performed. A hockey dialogue reproducing conversation between members of teams leaving the field after the first portion of the game, and a tableau and dialogue representing the corner of a Rugby field where a touch down has been made and a dispute arisen, and fancy marching by twelve young ladies will be included in the programme. The evening's entertainment will be provided by Rogers Bros., who are the acknowledged comedians of the High school. The proceeds of this entertainment will be devoted towards High school furnishings. The closing of the Collegiate school for the winter holidays will be marked by an "At Home," to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Laing on Thursday, December 18th, at 8 p.m., when the students entitled to prizes will be presented with them by His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere. There will also be a programme of music and recitations.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Martin Wolfshagen, who some weeks ago went to Victoria to undergo a surgical operation, returned from that city on Saturday night. The operation was successful. —Fort Townsend Call. T. R. E. McInnes, J. J. Loutit, representing the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., J. W. Stewart and J. McGowan, of Vancouver, are at the Vernon. G. Alexander, of Kaslo, who is prominently identified with several mining companies operating in that district, is at the Vernon. J. A. Smith and wife, of Port Townsend, are at the Dominion. Mr. Smith was formerly in charge of the Moodyville mills. E. Bittencourt, of Mount Sicker; Col. Warren and W. A. Warren, are among those registered at the Victoria hotel. Among the arrivals from the Sound by last night's Mailboat were ex-Premier Dunsmuir and J. A. Lindsay. Mrs. M. J. Conlin and Master E. Conlin, and Mrs. J. Deslitt, of Crofton, are guests at the Dominion. J. H. Perry, of San Francisco, and W. E. Grant, of Seattle, are at the Dominion. C. Wurtle, agent of the Great Northern in Vancouver, is at the Driford. President Baer, of the Reading road, has made a statement deprecating the course pursued by the Independent coal operators, who, it is alleged, have forced the price for their coal to \$11.50 a ton to dealers, equal to \$14 to the consumers. "Unfortunately there seems to be no way to compel them to sell down to the level fixed by the railroads," said Mr. Baer.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

New Cannery to Be Established on the Skeena—Police Raid in Chinatown.

Steamer Toss to-day took a large outfit for the Skeena river, the building of a new cannery for Findlay, Durham & Brodie. Hastings mill will be closed down for three weeks owing to shortage of logs. The police descended upon a gambling resort near the theatre in Chinatown on Monday night. Seven Chinamen were arrested, and the outfit seized. The sum of \$35 or thereabouts was found in the "bank," and taken possession of, pending trial. Six of the prisoners were subsequently released on bail. Those charged as "dealers" put up \$50 each, and those charged as players, \$35. Rev. Roland D. Grant, D. D., officiated at a very pretty wedding on Monday evening. The contracting parties were Miss Alice Anderson and Mr. R. McLaren, both of 180-Mile house, Cariboo. The groom is superintendent on the government road, the far-famed Ashcroft-Cariboo highway. Mr. and Mrs. R. McLaren intend spending the winter in Vancouver, but will return to Cariboo in March next. James Bunting, of Central Park, but formerly of this city, passed away at the City hospital on Sunday. The deceased was 56 years of age. Rev. J. W. MacMillan has declined the call to St. Andrew's church for private reasons. Mr. MacMillan states that he had committed himself to a certain course from which he could not turn without breaking faith with others. At a very largely attended meeting of Cascade lodge, A. F. & A. M., on Monday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. M., Jas. Schacter; S. W., C. B. MacNeil; J. W., S. C. Sykes; treasurer, H. H. Watson; secretary, A. E. Goodman; auditors, J. D. Breeze and H. T. Lockyer; trustees, R. H. Alexander, T. E. Atkins and C. E. Tisdale.

The application of D. G. Macdonell to the council for a telephone franchise has been referred to the incoming council for their favorable consideration. The evidence in the infantile case was given in the police court on Monday. The evidence of the police was that a bloody knife was found on the bed together with a bloody pillow and other clothing smeared with blood, in the room where the Japanese prisoners were arrested.

THE MAYOR'S DEFENCE.

To the Editor:—It is not my practice to usually notice anonymous correspondence, but a letter appears in your issue of yesterday accusing me of openly violating the trust arranged between Ald. McInnes and myself in regard to not holding public meetings, my obligation to attend the last January meeting.

I pass by for the present the other sinister suggestions, base and unjustifiable as it is, regarding the deficit in the accounts of the agricultural association, to deal with the explicit statement "that I have openly violated" my obligation. I have held no public meetings. Have I made any political speeches? The only time when I have spoken at all in any public way was at the Pioneer dinner and the Sons of England dinner on Friday last. On the former occasion I spoke in reply to the toast of the Mayor and Council, and I abstained from referring directly or indirectly to the election. In the council, I drew no comparisons between Ald. McCandless and myself as candidates, or advanced any reason for the suffrage or support of the electors. I studiously avoided anything which could be termed an election speech. I followed the same course at the Sons of England dinner. Not in anything I said did I deviate from the arrangement made with Ald. McCandless, or refer to the forthcoming election. I dealt with the municipal matters in the same way as they might have been dealt with at the regular, middle or end of the year. What else could I do? Am I to abstain from saying a single word on municipal questions because it might be construed as electioneering? Fortunately for me, the reporter reported me very fully, and I take this opportunity of challenging anyone to point out a single sentence of what I said which was out of line with the arrangement. But what did Ald. McCandless say on the night of the election? When I rose to the toast, Ald. McCandless said it was refreshing to hear a few words of praise like that which I had just spoken this evening. The Mayor had had one year as alderman, and three years as Mayor. He had been a very good alderman, and he now thought he was entitled to one year as Mayor. The present council had been the most harmonious one. While the aldermen had differed in opinion upon works which were being carried on and works which it was thought should have been carried on, yet they worked in harmony. The policy of the council would not be materially different whether he or the present Mayor were elected. (From Times, Dec. 6th.)

Dec. 17th, 1902. CHAS. HAYWARD.

THE MAYOR'S RESPONSIBILITY. To the Editor:—"Ratepayer" in this morning's Colonist attributes to Mayor Hayward the credit of making the Tourist Association a great success. "Ratepayer" is evidently not acquainted with the inner workings of that institution or he would not make such a misleading statement. It is a well known fact that a firmer hand (with public money) than Mayor Hayward's controlled the Tourist Association, or there might have been a repetition of what has taken place in the agricultural association. "Honor to whom honor is due." It is Mr. Fraser, not Mayor Hayward, who is entitled to any credit that is due on account of very satisfactory balance sheet in connection with last year's work.

RATEPAYER NO. 2.

NORTH VICTORIA. To the Editor:—The rather discreditable and most undignified game of "grab" which is played in British Columbia under the name of provincial politics does not interest me in the least, but as a constant reader of both morning and evening papers, my attention is drawn to the fact that there is a contest in progress in the North Victoria division. As the speeches are not reported in the papers, I am rather curious to know what each party has given for the disenfranchisement of that constituency for many months by the government under that "comical" operator, James Dunsmuir. Further comment is useless. The political crime was so monstrous as to be beyond words.

STRANGER IN THE GALLERY.

Dec. 17th, 1902. The reason for the suicide of Thomas Howarth, banker, Oakville, Ont., on December 3rd, was a note falling due that day for \$4,000, and one about due for \$1,000, neither of which he could meet. General Nord has been acclaimed president of Hayti by the troops, and seems to be master of the situation, notwithstanding the fact that the majority of congress is in favor of Seneca Pierros. He will dissolve the Chamber of Communes and the Senate, and will order the elections, which will result in his favor.

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As advertised, we have changed from Pitman to Gregg, for various reasons, one of the most important of which is the extreme simplicity of the system. Just try this lesson and see for yourself. Now, in spite of the simplicity, the system is faster than Pitman.

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WRITE BY SOUND!
— me — meek — get — day — eat — dear
— meet — make — tray — cake — uy — keg
TO BE MEMORIZED:
A, an — Can — Good — in — He — The — Will — Period
WRITE:
The lad will meet me in the lane.
READ:
Try to write: Cat, rat, mat, gate, Kate, ear, mere, game, came, ran, law, Ted, dead, eel, gay, kneel, near, rear, etc.

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Toronto, Dec. 17.—The following were the closing quotations on the Mining Exchange to-day:

	Asked.	Bid.
Black Tail	9	7
Cananda G. F. S.	4	3
Centre Star	37 1/2	36
Fairview Corp.	4 1/2	3 1/2
Golden Crown	5	3
Giant	5	3
Granby Smelter	\$3.20	\$3.20
Iron Mask	8 1/2	8
Lone Pine—Surprise Con.	5	3
Morning Glory	2 1/2	2
Morrison	3	2
Mountain Lion	16 1/2	11
North Star	9	7
Parade	12	9 1/2
Hambler Cariboo Con.	32	20
Republie	8	6
Sullivan	6	4
Victory	8	5
War Eagle Con.	10 1/2	17
White Bear	3 1/2	3
Winthrop	3 1/2	3
Wonderful	3 1/2	3
Yukon Eugene	3 1/2	3
Dom. Cons.	4 1/2	3

Toronto Sales To-day.
Centre Star—1,000 at 36 1/2.
War Eagle—500 at 19.
Roseland Sales Yesterday.
Centre Star—1,000 at 36; 500 at 35 1/2.
War Eagle—2,000 at 18.
Giant—5,000 at 2 1/2.

SHORE END LAMP.
United States Pacific Cable Has Been Successfully Landed.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—"In memory of John W. Mackay, I christen thee Pacific cable. May it always carry messages of happiness." With these words Lucille Gage, the 11-year-old daughter of H. T. Gage, governor of California, to-day christened the trans-Pacific cable. Early this morning the steamer Newsboy, carrying six miles of cable, steamed slowly in-shore, and through a life-saving boat's crew sent a rope to which the cable was attached. Word was sent to President Clarence H. Mackay and the cable and postal telegraph officials that all was in readiness. The work of hauling in the cable was done so expeditiously that the cable arrived on the beach only two minutes before the cable, which touched the beach and was christened at 9:55 a. m. When the splicing was completed, late in the afternoon, horses were hitched to the end and the cable was drawn through the conduit to the cable station. At the same time the steamer Newsboy steamed out to sea five miles and anchored the cable with cable buoys. It was picked up by the cable steamer Silvertown and taken aboard. The splicing to the main body was completed to-night, and the Silvertown headed for Honolulu at a seven-knot speed.

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